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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 16303-70PC	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C08F8/32		
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		

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International application No. PCT/US99/09076

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):

Description, pages:

1-40 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-46 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/14-14/14 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:

the claims. Nos.:

the drawings. sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c));

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-46
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-46
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-46
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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ad section V.:

None of the documents cited in the international search report discloses or fairly suggests a compound of the general formula according to claim 1, a pH-sensitive liposome containing said compound and a method for delivering a therapeutic compound by using said liposome as claimed in the present application.

The subject matter of claims 1 - 46 is therefore at present considered to fulfil the requirements of Article 33(2) - (4) PCT.

ad section VIII.:

According to page 10, lines 4, 12, 13 and 25 of the description and taking into account the general teaching of the application (eg the worked examples), it appears to be an essential feature of the invention that at least one of R¹ and R³ of the formula of claim 1 is a ligand as defined on page 7, lines 21 - 27 (Article 6 PCT).

The subject matter of claims 2, 4, 5, 7 - 12, 15, 23 - 26, 28 - 31, 33, 35 - 37, 39 - 46 has no clear and explicit counterpart in the description (Article 6 PCT).